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SUBJECT: DAILY NEWS BASES ARTICLE ON WASHINGTON FILE

[11](#). The privately owned "Daily News" published an article in its February 5, 2003 edition that was based on two Washington File articles (AEF501 and AEF504) from January 31. The page-4 article was published under the title "Mubako admits crisis man-made" and acknowledged the "Washington File" as the source for the information. The article offered readers information about how their Ambassador to the US defended Zimbabwean policies at the January 29 U.S. Institute of Peace program on "What Future for Mugabe's Zimbabwe."

[12](#). Economic and political pressures in Zimbabwe tend to deprive average citizens of information from outside of the country. The Washington File's reporting on Zimbabwe-related events in the U.S. help penetrate the news "cone of silence" in which many Zimbabweans languish. We are grateful for the two Washington File stories cited above and look forward to more of this crucial support to keeping Zimbabweans informed.  
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